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## **Statement by Rep. Bill Proctor Regarding the Florida Senate Passing the State Universities of Academic and Research Excellence and National Preeminence Act**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – House Education Committee Chairman Bill Proctor (R-St. Augustine) today praised the Florida Senate for passing House Bill 7129, the State Universities of Academic and Research Excellence and National Preeminence Act.

“I am grateful to our colleagues in the Florida Senate for recognizing the need to move Florida’s State University System forward by establishing a system of standards to promote global competitiveness.

“By offering qualifying universities the flexibility to set tuition at differentiated and market rates, we can ensure that our top institutions have the resources necessary to hire outstanding instructors and establish instructional programs that distinguish these universities from their national competitors.

“This job creating legislation demonstrates that Members of the Florida Legislature share Governor Scott’s belief that Florida’s universities are key economic engines for our state. This legislation will enable Florida universities to break into the top ranks of research universities in our country which will enable our schools to attract the best talent from around the world.”

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